though even the latter is not yet available, for some mysterious unknown reason, for public use ? The marsh outside the ticket office in Cochin may also be reclaimed. I suppose the latter piece of work may cost about ten rupees. Why not incur the expenditure and damn the consequences !

Sir, I have done. I have only to recapitulate in two words what I have already said. Do not lock up people's money when that could be used to their advantage. Do not starve the people out of their legitimate needs. Give the people more and more of self-governing institutions, and try and remove the inequalities that unfortunately exist in our State, as between man and man, and generally make our State more and more fit for its citizens to live in. Suppress with an iron hand the corruption which is creeping in our State, before it is too late. It is an insidious sneeking plague, which, once it takes root, is well nigh impossible to eradicate, as some States, to their cost, now find. Above all I say, stamp out corruption. Corruption is the vilest thing, that can come to any administration. Stamp that out, before it is too big to be stamped out. I know of another State where it has been the despair of successive administrators. It has spread so hopelessly. By all means let us drive corruption out of the State. Adopt as stern measures as you want, Sir. Progress is not calculated in terms of a State's bank balance, but by the contentment, prosperity and enlightenment of its citizens.

Mr. V. V. Ananthapadmanabha Ayyar.—Mr. President and the Hon'ble Members of the House,—

President.—You cannot thus address the Members. Please address the chair only.

Mr. V. V. Ananthapadmanabha Ayyar.—Thank you, Sir. I propose only to touch upon some of the wide and important aspects of the budget presented to us for your careful consideraton. In doing so, I shall take the major Departments one by one, and deal with them separately.

Land Revenue Department.

According to the Finance Member as well as the Finance Committee, we have now come to the end of the tether so far as Land Revenue is concerned, and, therefore, we are compelled to tap other resources for any increase of revenue on this head. I understand that we have in this State wide tracts of unregistered land fit for tea, coffee, cardamom and rubber plantations. I suggest the registry of such lands to private individuals, who are bona fide Cochinites, on fair and easy terms. By this means we shall be able to realise a substantial amount by way of ground value, and we are sure to get an annual increase of revenue by way of tax. Such a course would further solve, to a certain degree, the question of unemployment, which is engaging the attention of all civilized Governments at present.

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